

ABSTRACT

A slider having a protrusion extending beyond an air bearing surface of the slider to maintain the slider with a positive pitch angle during contact with the surface of a disk.

The protrusion may be disposed on a leading edge step of the slider body with the protrusion extending beyond the air bearing surface.

The slider may be used in a load/unload disk drive system to provide a positive pitch attitude to the slider at all times during operations of the disk drive system.